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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Val. C. SHEFFIELD et al.

Serial No.: 09/612,809

Filed: July 10, 2000

For: THERAPEUTICS AND DIAGNOSTICS
FOR CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE
BASED ON A NOVEL HUMAN
TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR

Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: SCHARWTZMAN, R.

Atty. Dkt. No.: IOWA:042USD1/SLH

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 21, 2002**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month to and including August 11, 2001 in which to respond to the Office Action dated August 8, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$920.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$920.00) for a three-month extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an

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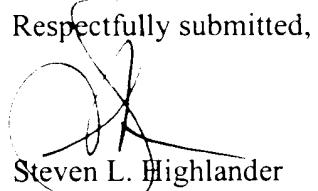
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overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/10107932/SLH.

Respectfully submitted,


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